

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-13 and 25-29 were pending in the application. Claims 1-25 and 28-29 have been canceled. Accordingly, upon entry of the amendments presented herein, claims 26 and 27 will be pending in the application.

The foregoing cancellation of claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections, and has been done solely to expedite examination of the present application and to place the pending claims in better condition for appeal. No new issues have been raised and no additional search should be required. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment be entered. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s). *No new matter has been added.*

Rejection of Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-13, 25 and 28-29 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-13, 25 and 28-29 are rejected as not meeting the written description requirement.

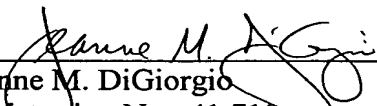
Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons previously made of record. However, to expedite prosecution, claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-13, 25 and 28-29 have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney could be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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